STATE OF IOWA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:

VARTEC TELECOM, INC.

DOCKET NOS. TCU-01-21 TF-02-418

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF AND ISSUING CERTIFICATE

(Issued August 15, 2002)

On July 10, 2002, VarTec Telecom, Inc. (VarTec), filed a proposed tariff with the Utilities Board (Board) providing the terms, conditions, and rates for local exchange service in listed exchanges as described in the local exchange maps of Qwest Corporation (Qwest). The proposed tariff has been identified as Docket No. TF-02-418.

On December 18, 2001, the Board issued an order in Docket No. TCU-01-21 approving VarTec's application to provide service in the listed exchanges and approving the concurrence in the Qwest exchange maps. The order states that a certificate would be issued when VarTec gave notice to all affected local exchange carriers and when VarTec obtained an approved tariff setting forth the prices, terms, and conditions of local exchange service in Iowa. VarTec requests the Board approve the proposed tariff and grant it a certificate to provide service in the listed exchanges.

The Board has reviewed the proposed tariff and finds it substantially complies with Board rules for the filing and processing of tariff pages. The tariff contains rates for both business and residential customers. Notice was provided to all affected carriers. The Board will approve the tariff effective the date of this order and issue VarTec a certificate of public convenience and necessity concurrent with this order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. The tariff filed by VarTec Telecom, Inc., on July 10, 2002, is approved effective the date of this order.
- 2. A certificate, identified as Certificate No. 0255, is being issued to VarTec Telecom, Inc., concurrent with this order.

UTILITIES BOARD

	/s/ Diane Munns
ATTEST:	/s/ Mark O. Lambert
/s/ Judi K. Cooper Executive Secretary	/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 15th day of August, 2002.